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Conference -

I/GM,

ST/I/R,

D/GG/E.

1. Question discussed - Direction to be taken by D/GG/E in its further support of I/GM monitoring of missile activity in the European Satellites.

2. I/GM considers that its big job is:

(a) Exploitation of documentary (collateral) information for sightings of missile activity in East Germany--SAM and longer range.

(b) Exploitation of 25X1A2d1

(c) Monitoring of missile site activity in the other European Satellites, a new phase of their work made necessary by tentative confirmation of sites in Albania, etc. I/GM would like for GG/E to participate in (a) and (b), and if possible, in (c). As for (a), this would be a continuation of the research that 25X1A9a has been carrying on, and would be done 25X1A9a by 25X1A9a goes on his overseas assignment. Regarding (b), I/GM has attempted, thus far without success, to get PIC to exploit the 25X1A2d1

We indicated that GG/E could assist in analyzing the photography and might try to get some action out of PIC, but we made no definite commitment on this score. Regarding (c), I/GM has asked IR to scan its holdings and plot information for the European Satellites, but this will 25X1A9a 25X1A9a involve no high-level analysis. 25X1A9a has informed 25X1A9a that he has made the request for IR. I/GM would like for GG/E to assist in the project.

2. Although I/GM recognizes the intelligence potential of the ELINT analysis, they do not have the manpower to exploit it themselves, even if NSA could be persuaded to make the information available. As a result, they do not feel in a position to press NSA to release the data. 25X1D0a 25X1A9a

3. Both we and 25X1A9a expressed reluctance to drop 25X1A9a at the present stage, at least until 25X1A9a has had a chance to confer with the personnel of certain installations in Europe. The project is still in the experimental stages and the European installations should have a chance to express opinions as to its feasibility and whether it should be pursued. Even though it is not of present interest to I/GM, it might be of value to those concerned with ELINT in OSI.

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It was pointed out that [REDACTED] stop-off at the said installations had not yet been approved and was still problematical. [REDACTED] suggested that if the proposed visits to the installations should develop the need for further work here, and if GG/E was unable to perform the work because of the other commitment to I/GM, he might be able to devote some time to it. We suggested, however, that we might be able to find the necessary manpower.

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